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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have reached an age at which I can see the dangers as well as the advantages of a technology such as the Internet. I very carefully chose an independent provider because I wanted one that shared my values with respect to public service, customer relations and civic responsibility. I deliberately avoided contracting with any provider until I found such a company.

I was especially positively impressed last fall during the wildfires in Sonoma County, when my carrier sent out an email to users apologizing in advance for any reduction in service that might occur, as they were concentrating their efforts on helping keep communications available in the fire ravaged area. In fact I noticed no reduction in service.

I am highly dismayed that you are about to vote on changes to the system that allows such companies to operate. In an industry so young, innovation is more likely to happen when competition is fostered rather than restricted.

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